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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Wayne A. Hendrickson et al.
Serial No.: 09/609,027 Examiner: S. Zhou
Filed : June 29, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1631
For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD
CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF
THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

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February 26, 2004

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed August 26, 2003 finally rejecting pending claims 21,22,26,48,50 and 51 in the above-identified application.

A response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due November 26, 2003. Applicants have previously petitioned for a two month extension of time. Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a third month extension of time. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal is THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$330.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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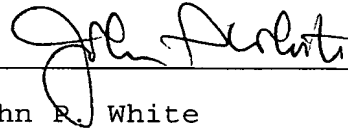
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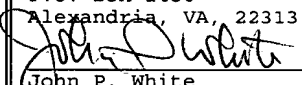
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$330.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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